

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Before line 1 of the specification, please insert the following new paragraph:

--This application is a Divisional of co-pending Application No. 08/956,029, filed on October 22, 1997, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application No. 279206/1996 filed in Japan on October 22, 1996, under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 20, with the following amended paragraph:

A picture recorded by a digital camera is ~~assumed to be~~ normally displayed on a liquid crystal monitor attached to the digital camera, a TV screen, or a personal computer display, rather than ~~being~~ output as a picture print. Therefore, an aspect ratio of the picture recorded by a digital camera is different from that of a picture recorded by a cameral using a film.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

Some conventional picture printing systems as described above have a function for accepting digital image data input via a floppy disc or the like. However, this function is provided for temporarily storing a picture image read from a film in a floppy disc or the like, and for reproducing the image later. Therefore, this function ~~can not~~

cannot deal with a ~~the~~ wide variety of aspect ratios of pictures recorded by a digital camera.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 8, with the following amended paragraph:

For this reason, when a picture recorded by a digital camera needs to be printed out using the digital unput function of the convenrtional picture printing system, an appropriate picture print ~~can not~~ cannot be obtained due to a large area being trimmed, for example.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 13, with the following amended paragraph:

One method of solving this problem is to provide an additional printing system for printing a picture recorded bya digital camera. However, this method does not seem to be a practical solution due to problems regarding cost, a place to set the system in, and an operational flow, when a printing system for a picture recorded by a camera using a film already exists. Therefore, a picture printing system ~~has been~~ is desired which can print a picutre recorded by a digital camera effectively in terms of time, space, and cost.